(b) when was tax exemption granted to R.S.S. on income from Guru Dakshina and for what reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Income-tax arrears pending against the R.S.S. are as under:

Asstt. Year.	Arrear demand
	Rs.
1962-63	1538
1970-71	2216
1984-85	2450
1985-86	1660
1986-87	730
	8594

(b) The Guru Dakshina received by RSS from its members does not constitute income for income-tax purposes. Therefore, question of granting exemption does not arise

Plans to bring Waste, Barren and Degraded Land under Green Cover

817. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any specific plans to bring the huge waste, barren and degraded lands available in the country under green cover;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what progress has been made during the last one year in this direction; and

(c) what is the exact role played by the National Wastelands Development Board towards the implementation of these plans in the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The National Wastelands Development Board was set up in 1985-86 to bring under productive use wastelands in the country through afforestation. In the last three years, a total area of about 5.04 million hectares has been convered under the afforestation programme, which includes 1.77 million hectares in 1987-88.

(b) The National Wastelands Development Board is the nodal agency for monitoring the afforestation programme in the country and is also responsible for the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme on afforestation.

Area under Forests

818. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what have been the areas under reserved forests, protected forests and private forests in the country during the last three years; Statewise:

(b) what were the targeted areas for such forests in the Seventh Five Year Plan and what are the achievements;

(c) what steps are being taken to achieve the targets to help create healthy environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Details of areas under reserved forests, protected forests and unclassed forests in the country during the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 are given, States

and Union Territory-wise, in the statements at I, II, and III respectively. (*See* below).

(b) No target has been fixed for reserved forests, protected forests and unclassed forests in the Seventh Five Year Plan. However, a total afforestation target of 10 million hectares was fixed for the Seventh Plan. The reported achievement of afforestation for the first three years of the Seventh Plan is 5.04 million hectares.

(c) Efforts are being made to conserve and protect forests and bring additional area under green cover through a massive afforestation programme. Some of the major initiatives taken in this regard are given in the attached statement-IV.

Statement-I

Area under Forests (1983-84)

(in sq. kilometers)

S.No.	State/UTs	Reserved	Protected	Unclassed	Total Forest area
1	Andhra Pradesh	49921	12343	1507	63771
2	Arunachal Pradesh	12857	8	38675	51540
3	Assam	17277	3373	10058	30708
4	Bihar	5051	24169	7	29227
5	Goa, Daman & Diu	42	.	1208	1250
6	Gujarat	13179	1021	4731	18937
7	Haryana	225	1055	411	1692
8	Himachal Pradesh	1825	17175	2325	21325
9	Jammu & Kashmir	20900	..	..	20900
10	Karnataka	28574	3951	6119	38644
11	Kerala	11041	..	181	11222
12	Madhya Pradesh	80996	69082	5336	155414
13	Maharashtra	42823	15366	5969	64158
14	Manipur	1377	4171	9606	15154
15	Meghalaya	711	12	7792	8515
16	Mizoram	9048	1647	2240	15935
17	Nagaland	91	507	8027	8626
18	Orissa	26096	33385	20	59501
19	Punjab	43	1084	1513	2640
20	Rajasthan	12281	15336	3524	31151
21	Sikkim	2650	..	..	2650
22	Tamil Nadu	18264	3407	564	22235

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Reserved	Protected	Unclassed	Total Forest area
23	Tripura	3863	..	2446	6309
24	Uttar Pradesh	34579	1685	14949	51213
25	West Bengal	7054	3772	1053	11879
26	A & N Island	2912	4232	..	7144
27	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	203	..	..	203
	TOTAL	403884	216781	131271	751936

Statement-II

Area under Forests (1984-85)

(in sq. kms.)

S.No.	State/UTs.	Reserved	Protected	Unclassed	Total Forest area
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	49921	12343	1507	63771
2	Arunachal Pradesh	13623	8	37909	51540
3	Assam	17277	3373	10058	30708
4	Bihar	5051	24169	7	29227
5	Goa, Daman & Diu	42	..	1208	1250
6	Gujarat	13448	1021	4350	18819
7	Haryana	228	1067	390	1685
8	Himachal Pradesh	1825	17196	2304	21325
9	Jammu & Kashmir	20900	..	..	20900
10	Karnataka	28574	3951	6119	38644
11	Kerala	11041	..	181	11222
12	Madhya Pradesh	80996	69082	5336	155414
13	Maharashtra	42713	15367	5975	64055
14	Manipur	1377	4171	9606	15154
15	Meghalaya	711	12	7792	8515
16	Mizoram	9048	1647	5240	15935
17	Nagaland	91	507	8027	8625
18	Orissa	26108	33427	20	59555
19	Punjab	43	1105	1655	2803

1	2	3	4	5	6
20	Rajasthan	13970	14170	8150	31290
21	Sikkim	2650	..	..	2650
22	Tamil Nadu	18297	3405	614	22316
23	Tripura	3863	..	2446	6309
24	Uttar Pradesh	35003	1801	14464	51268
25	West Bengal	7054	3772	1053	11879
26	A & N Island . . .	2912	4232	..	7144
27	Dadar & Nagar Haveli . .	203	..	..	203
	TOTAL	406969	215826	129411	752206

Statement-III

Area under Forests (1985-86)

(in sq. kms.)

S.No.	State/UTs.	Reserved	Protected	Unclassed	Total Forest area
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh . . .	49921	12343	1507	63771
2	Arunachal Pradesh . . .	13653	8	37879	51540
3	Assam	17277	3373	10058	30708
4	Bihar	5051	24169	7	29227
5	Goa, Daman & Diu . .	42	..	1208	1250
6	Gujarat	13490	1020	4810	19320
7	Haryana	229	1109	361	1699
8	Himachal Pradesh . . .	1825	17196	2304	21325
9	Jammu & Kashmir . . .	20900	..	..	20900
10	Karnataka	28611	3931	6103	38645
11	Kerala	11036	..	182	11218
12	Madhya Pradesh . . .	80996	69082	5336	155414
13	Maharashtra	42713	15367	5975	64055
14	Manipur	1377	4171	9606	15154
15	Meghalaya	978	12	7524	8514

1	2	3	4	5	6
16	Mizoram	9048	1647	5240	15935
17	Nagaland	86	507	8032	8625
18	Orissa	26108	33427	20	59555
19	Punjab	43	1104	1676	2833
20	Rajasthan	13970	14170	3150	31290
21	Sikkim	2650	..	..	2650
22	Tamil Nadu	18375	3390	514	22379
23	Tripura	3671	291	2436	6898
24	Uttar Pradesh	34461	884	15992	51337
25	West Bengal	7054	3772	1053	11879
26	A. & N. Island	3059	4112	..	171
27	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	203	3	..	206
	TOTAL:	406727	215088	131073	752888

Staement IV

Major Initiatives for conservation and Protection of Forests and for Afforstation

(1) Forest (Conservation Act) was enacted in 1980 to check diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes.

(2) A Centrally sponsored scheme has been started to help the States to develop infrastructure for enforcement of legal povisions for the protection of forests.

(3) Alternative sources of energy are being developed to replace fuelwood in domestic and commercial sectors.

(4) Wood is being substituted by alternative materials in packaging, railway sleepers and building constructions.

(5) Import policy for forest products has been liberalised.

(6) Fiscal incentives are given to industries for wood substitution.

(7) Efforts are being made to control shifting cultivation.

(8) Guidelines have been issued to State Governments from time to time for protection of forests. Some of these guidelines are as follows:

(i) to avoid clear felling of natural forests and where such fellings are ineviable for restoration of crop or other silvi cultural consideations, it should be restricted to areas not exceeding 10 hectares in the hills and 25 hectares in the plains.

(ii) to consider banning of fellings in the hills above 1000 metres, at least for some years.

(iii) to identify critical areas in the hills and mountains which require protection from felling of forests and need immediate vigorous afforestation.

(iv) to set apart 4 per cent of the geographical area as protection areas like wildlife sanctuaries, national parks, biosphere reserves etc.

(9) The following are some of the schemes being implemented for afforestation:

(i) Operation Soil Watch

(ii) Rural Fuelwood plantations

(iii) Decentralised Nurseries

(iv) Grant in aid to voluntary agencies.

(v) Social forestry through Employment generation programmes.

Steps to Check Infilteration from Bangladesh

819. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of outposts, watch-towers and B.S.F. Jawans on the Bangladesh border adjoining India during the last three years;

(b) whether barbed-wire fencing has been put up on this border; if so, what is length thereof and in which areas it has been put;

(c) whether as a result thereof the infiltration from Bangladesh to India has been checked; and

(d) what further steps are being contempleted to completely stop infiltration into India from Bangladesh Border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) From the security point of view, it will not be in the public interest to divulge the strength of BSF, number of outposts and watch towers on the Indo-Bangladesh border.

(b) Survey for erection of barbed wire fencing has been taken up along with the survey for constructions of border roads. However, construction of fence will be taken up after construction of roads sectorwise.

(c) and (d) Due to social, historical and economic reasons, infiltration takes place through Indo-Bangladesh border. BSF on Indo-Bangladesh border are on constant vigil. With a view to increasing vigilance to check infiltration, B.S.F. is being strengthen by additional battalions, border outposts watch towers, etc. on Indo-Bangladesh border.

Delhi Traffic Police Personnel Run Over by D.T.C. Buses

820. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Delhi Traffic Police personnel have been run over while on duty by DTC buses in Delhi and New Delhi during 1987-88; and

(b) what amount of compensation has been paid to the families of the victims in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) None.

(b) Does not arise.

Implementation of Social Forestry Programme

821. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the outlay proposed for seventh plan for implementing Social Forestry Programme;